

① 31. (Three times amended) A pharmaceutical preparation for treating blood coagulation disorders, said preparation comprising von Willebrand Factor (vWF) propeptide and having been treated for at least one of virus inactivation and virus removal so the preparation is suitable for therapeutic administration.

② 32. (Once amended) A preparation as set forth in claim 31, said preparation consisting essentially of vWF propeptide.

③ 67. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical preparation for treating blood coagulation disorders, said preparation comprising pro-von Willebrand Factor (pro-vWF) and having been treated for at least one of virus inactivation and virus removal so the preparation is suitable for therapeutic administration.

*Please add the following new claims:*

④ -72. (New) A pharmaceutical preparation as set forth in claim 31, wherein the preparation is formulated for parenteral administration.

73. (New) A pharmaceutical preparation as set forth in claim 67, wherein the preparation is formulated for parenteral administration.--

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 31, 32, 35-37, 39-41 and 43-71 are pending, with claims 45-63 having been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 31, 32, 35-37, 39-41, 43, 44 and 64-71 are thus under examination. Upon entry of this amendment, new claims 72 and 73 are added and claims 31, 32 and 67 amended without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments to these claims and the new claims are supported, for example, by the following sections of the specification:

Claims 31, 67, 72 and 73: page 6, second to last paragraph to page 7, lines 17-18.